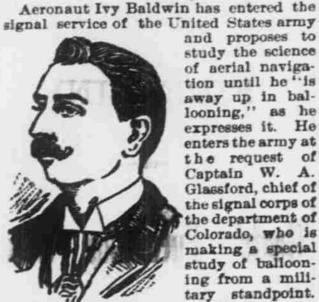
AWAY UP IN BALLOON!NG.

Aeronaut Baldwin Will Study the Subject In the Army Balloon Corps.



study the science of aerial navigation until he "is away up in ballooning," as he expresses it. He enters the army at the request of Captain W. A. Glassford, chief of the signal corps of the department of Colorado, who is making a special study of ballooning from a mili-

tary standpoint. Baldwin's early boyhood-was spent in San Antonio, Tex., where he sold newspapers for a living. His first ambition was to become a trapezist and travel with a circus. All his spare time was devoted to practice on the trapeze and on the tight rope, and at the age of 14 he joined Thayer & Noyes' wagon circus in Charleston.

Soon thereafter he entered the service of an aeronaut and made his first ascension in Evansville, Ind. He was delighted with the experience, and upon his return to terra firma decided that the life of a "balloonist" was the life for him. He has since made hundreds of ascensions, parachute drops and high dives without breaking a single bone in his body. His most ambitious effort took him three miles from the earth, and the feat was performed in a very small gas balloon of only 6,000 cubic feet capacity. He has also dropped 10,000 feet with the aid of a parachute and claims to have dived from a tower 156 feet high, a height 21 feet greater than the center of the Brooklyn bridge. He will be a valuable addition to the balloon corps.

Captain Glassford has long been interested in the subject of military ballooning, and two years ago while abroad he studied the work of the French, German and English officers who had used balloons in sig nal service work, and upon his return to America he had constructed an army balloon that will carry two men and their signal service outfit. The balloon, which is called the General Myer, is spherical in form and has a capacity of 18,000 cubic feet. The experiments are conducted at Fort Logan, near Denver. The balloon is held captive by means of a steel cable, and at night signals are made by flashing a searchlight located on the ground against the side of the balloon. Captain Glassford's signals have already been successfully worked a distance of 186 miles.

TWO TALENTED GIRL ARCHITECTS. They Designed a San Francisco Sanitarium

and Won Against Numerous Contestants. Two promising girl architects whose work is attracting considerable attention are Miss Mary N. Gannon of Bethlehem, Pa., and Miss Alice J. Hands of New York city. They have been studying for some time past at the School of Applied Design in New York and have entered many competitions. Their most success. ful attempt to carry off a prize in their chosen field of labor was in the Florence sanitarium contest. This sanitarium is to





be erected in San Francisco by Dr. Florence Saltonstall and Dr. James W. Hall and will cost about \$25,000 when completed. The requirements of the sanitarium were submitted to architects of recognized ability all over the country, and among those who submitted designs were Misses Gannon and Hands. The committee which examined the numerous designs submitted were so well pleased with the plans of Misses Gannon and Hands that they were accepted.

The building will be of wood and in the colonial style of architecture. It will be three stories in height, not counting the basement, and will provide accommodations for 40 patients. The young ladies were the first women to have work hung in the Architectural league, and they are also the first women to design a building in San Francisco. They have been studying architecture about two years and are deeply interested in the subject.

Among the other competitions that have been entered by Misses Gannon and Hands was the contest for the Woman's building at the Cotton States and International exposition, which is to be held in Atlanta. Their plans for this building attracted the admiring attention of many eminent New York architects and were well thought of by the committee in Atlanta, but the design of Miss Elise Mercur of Pittsburg secured the prize. The youth of the girls is one of the astonishing features of their surprisingly good work. Miss Gannon is 17 years of age and Miss Hands but a year older.

The Hydra.

The most remarkable creature in the world is the hydra. It does not amount to much physically, for it is nohing but a sack, open at one end and fastened by the other to a stone, but it is almost impossible to kill it. Turn a hydra inside out, and it will get along just as well as before. Trembley, the French naturalist, cut hydras in slices, and each in a few days became a full grown animal. He grafted them and produced monsters with six mouths and only one body. He divided them longitudinally and produced a cluster of hydras. He found this creature is superior even to decomposition, for when a part of a hydra's body decays it simply throws it off and replaces it as a matter of course.

Fought With His Wooden Legs. A man who had lost both legs and one arm was charged in a London police court

recently with assault, and the evidence justified his committal to trial. He used his wooden legs with terrible effect in resisting an attempt to take him into custo dy. On another charge he kicked one constable, tripped up another and threw himself on his back and struck out at large. His legs had to be taken off before he was secured.

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SELECTING A PIANO.

Consult, Compare, Analyze and Avoid the So Called Cheap Pianos.

The selection of a piano is often a matter of anxiety. As it necessitates considlifetime's use, it is wise to exercise due discrimination. Do not put too much confidence in the mere name. Yet there is a certain amount of security in some names, as they stand for Honest materials and workmanship. But securing a serviceable piano is not always a matter of lavish expenditure. It is more a matter of discriminating taste.

As to reliableness of make, you can, as a rule, rely upon the judgment and standing of your local dealer, especially if he be long and favorably known in your locality. As to the quality of tone. it is wise to consult a practical teacher and have him select the desired instrument of the make upon which you de-

Pianos may be classed in three grades -high grade, medium grade and cheap pianos. The latter includes what is known to the trade as the stencil pianos. which are made in the cheapest manner and sold under various names. It is rarely safe to have anything to do with this class.

The difference in price between a high grade and medium grade piano is several hundred dollars. The former is almost faultless in every detail, but the suggestion that you pay for the name and the prestige of the artists who use it, as well as the fineness of construction and high quality of material, is sometimes true. For certain purposes you must have the high grade instrument in order to secure the very finest points of touch and tone and musical expression.

The field for the medium grade piano is large. There are a dozen or more makes of honest medium grade pianos on the market, sold at honest prices and guaranteed by firms of long unquestionable standing. These pianos fill all ordinary requirements for general use. It is only the very finest qualities that are wanting, and which can only be detected by experienced ears and fingers. Therefore the concluding advice given by Etude is: Consult, compare, analyze and do not be overanxious to "strike a bargain." Avoid advertising schemes. Refuse all offers "below cost." Remember you can't have value without paying for it.

Meat Croquettes.

Croquettes furnish an attractive form in which to utilize leftover meats. For six persons have about a pint of finely chopped cooked meat. Add a tablespoonful each of flour and salt, 3 of butter, a teaspoonful of pepper and one-half pint of water. Make a thickening of the flour, water and butter and heat to a boil; then add the meat to which the seasoning has been added. Cook a few minutes; then remove from the fire. When cool, shape with the hands into cylinders or balls. Dip each one into beaten egg; then roll in fine bread crumbs, being careful to see that every part is coated. Fry in deep fat, arrange on a napkin and serve at once.

A Good Furniture Polish. A good furniture polish may be made by putting equal parts of spirits of wine, vinegar and olive oil in a large bottle and shaking thoroughly every day for a week, when it will be ready for use. This polish should be applied to the furniture with a soft woolen cloth and thoroughly rubbed in. If the furniture is very dirty, it may be rubbed clean with a woolen cloth dipped in kerosene. It is worth knowing, because cheap or easily procured, that one-third turpentine and two-thirds sweet oil make an

excellent furniture polish. Handsome Table Covers.

Very effective table covers are made of alternate squares or half squares of basket flannel and velveteen. One made of two shades of brown is very pretty, and another of brown and lemon color is particularly effective. The spread should be lined. It is not necessary that the entire lining should be of expensive material. Unbleached factory cloth will answer, provided that the facing is deep. No border is requisite, but if one prefers to have it this should be of velveteen and the facing of contrasting col-

Oyster Patties.

Put the oysters in their liquor on the fire until they come to a scald; then take them off and put in a sieve to drain. Strain some of the liquor and add to it enough butter and flour to thicken, with a little parsley and mace. Heat this and put the oysters into it. Line a small patty pan with puff paste and bake a light brown. When done, fill with the oysters. The patties should be served and eaten as soon as prepared, as the gravy, soaking into the pastry, will make it moist and heavy.

Knitted Soles.

This is the season for knitted slippers; hence the following directions from The Modern Priscilla will be welcome to any one who wants to save the cost of the shoemaker's soles. This sole is worked with gray wool and two fine wooden knitting needles. It is composed of a double layer of knitting, interlined with a cardboard sole, on the edge of which



KNITTED SOLE FOR SLIPPER.

a strip of paper is pasted. On a foundation of 12 st. (stitches) knit in rounds, going back and forth as follows:

First round-Sl. (slip) the first st. as if going to purl, the five times alternately 1 k. (knit plain), sl. the next st. in the same manner as the first st.; finally 1 k. Next follow 104 rounds like the preceding round. Divide the st. on two needles, so that the slipped st. comes on one needle and the knitted st. on the other needle. Slip the cardboard into the opening and cast off the st. together.

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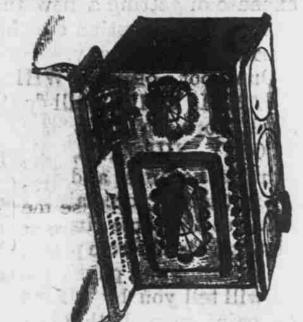
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